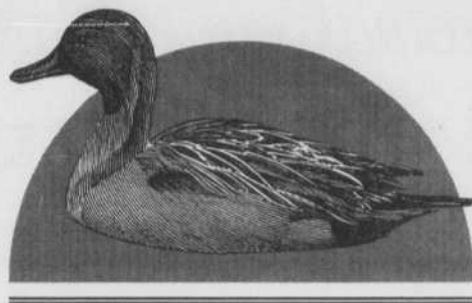


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TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT

At 74, Yolande Marois-Fricker was the oldest female participating in the Tour du Lac Brome. She finished the 20k in 3:37:29.

## 500 runners in Tour du Lac Brome

By Tanya Tkach  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
KNOWLTON

Five hundred runners competed in the 21st edition of the annual Tour du Lac Brome in spite of the continuing blistering heat wave on June 27.

This year marks the end of an era - this is Roger Page's last year of holding the reins.

"Roger announced that this was his very last year as organizer. We've been doing it for 20 years, it's time to turn it over to the younger generation, and we'd like to see the race go for another 20 years, at least," said Barry Bellware, vice president of Brome Lake Runners

Association.

Bellware would not say who would be at the helm, but favourites are Philippe Deguire, publicity manager at Mt. Glen, and Nick Lemaitre.

"Mt. Glen is looking to expand its recreational capabilities. Hopefully, they will take over as major organizer - they have the publication and marketing facilities," said Bellware.

Deguire, who likes the run the 10 km, expressed his interest as race coordinator next year, but would not commit himself.

"I have to see if I have enough support from volunteers. We need new blood and young people. We've had some volunteers here for 20 years, and

some are very tired. We'll see what happens," he said.

Gaby St-Pierre, whose voice on microphone during the race resounded throughout Knowlton every year during the last 15 years, said that we have to help our community in these events.

"This group is so great and they work so hard, we should not let them down," said St-Pierre whose voice this year was hardly audible to racers due to a lack of speakers.

Bill Bliss, one of the originators of the race along with Page and Dr. Bob Bourke, reminisced about the Tour's struggling beginning.

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## St. John the Evangelist turns 140

By Tanya Tkach  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in the village of Brome celebrated its 140th anniversary on June 20 with members from the parish, which also includes West Brome, Sutton Junction and Iron Hill, in attendance.

"We were told that we're definitely a unique parish in the province of Quebec and possibly of all Canada because in these four small places, there's not another church in competition," said Norma Owens, church treasurer for 45 years.

"There used to be other churches, but they were the ones that closed," added Owens, born and raised in Brome.

Throughout the years, the the church council presented Owens with various gifts and, after 45 years of service, they presented her with a plaque that hangs in the church.

The success of the church stems not only from a unique parish but also from its members who, according to parishioner Gladys Hubbard, are warm and loving.

"We hug each other a lot," said Hubbard, leader of the parish of Brome's card mission and prayer group.

She said the prayer group, which started six years ago, has been very successful.

"At first it started in our community. I telephone other women in our parish and we pray for certain people whose names have been given to us. Some of our prayers have been answered," said Hubbard, who moved from Ottawa to Brome in 1972.

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## CANADA CELEBRATIONS

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**Celebrate Canada Day at Waterloo Legion,** 77 Lewis St., Waterloo. Breakfast under the tent, 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Adults, \$5, children under 10, \$2.50. Live music. Flag raising 10 a.m. at Town Hall, Court St. Prize draw. Join in the fun!

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July 3

**Annual Strawberry Social** at Trinity Church, Iron Hill at 5 p.m. Hot dogs will also be served. Bingo and fish

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July 4

**32nd Annual Picnic** sponsored by the Stanbridge East Volunteer Fire Department. B.B.Q. Chicken, \$8, 12 - 6 p.m. Also take out. Events and activities for all to enjoy.

July 17

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July 1

**Knowlton Harmony Band Canada Day Concert** in Coldbrook Park, at the dam, Lakeside Rd., Knowlton, 7 p.m. Royal Canadian Legion Colour Party

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July 2 - 31

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## CHURCH SERVICES

Parish of Brome

During the month of July there will only be one worship service each Sunday. Each service will be at 9:30 a.m.: 4th July St. Aidan, Sutton Junction; 11th July Church of the Ascension, West Brome; 18th July Church of St. John Evangelist, Brome Village; 25th July Church of the Holy Trinity, Iron Hill.

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Celebrations at Cowansville's municipal beach will begin at 1:00 p.m. Thursday.

Children will find much to amuse and entertain them with lots of games, storytelling, face painting and clowns. The Brome-Missisquoi Rescue Unit, a fire truck and an ambulance will also be on hand. Tennis, pétanque, and Mini-Puttwill be played throughout the day.

At 4:30 p.m. there will be the cus-

tomary flag-raising ceremony by members of the Canadian Legion and the Air Cadets with a children's choir singing the National Anthem.

From 4 p.m. there will be dancing to the music of Michel Lacroix.

The usual B.B.Q. steak supper will be served promptly at 5:30 p.m. Tickets costing \$10 (\$12 at the gate) may be obtained from any committee member or by phoning 450-263-2783 or 450-263-2621. Liquid refreshments will be

available on site.

At 6 p.m. by popular request, the Massey-Vanier Stage Band will return to play a selection of popular melodies.

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# East Bolton wins prize for slowing traffic

By Murielle Parkes  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
BOLTON CENTRE

The folks in East Bolton may be more than a tad smug these days. They have just been awarded a prize from the Association Québécoise des Transports Routier (Prix AQTR - Sécurité 1999) in the under 5,000 inhabitants category for slowing down the speed of vehicles that travel through Bolton Centre by Route 245. A plaque and a trophy attest to the substantial efforts made to get motorists to ease up on the gas pedal.

Two years ago, the municipality's never-ending saga to slow down traffic led to a study of the problem by the Ministère des Transports. At the same time, a newly formed Embellishment Association took up the cause and began using flower power - flowers and seasonal decorations - to provide an attractive reason to slow down.

Last year, the municipality made further changes in the village. First, it installed prominent "Welcome" and "Au revoir" signs at the north and south entrances to Bolton Centre. Then it collaborated with the ministry to add a seasonal bike and walking path throughout the village to prevent motorists from misappropriating pedestrian space. Finally, it persuaded the ministry to install rumble strips to provide a high-pitched greeting to motorists entering the village on route 245.

Indeed, some residents consider the strips too noisy, said Lilianne Paige, secretary-receptionist for the municipality.

"While the ministry tried to put them in a place where they were as distant as possible from the houses, they are still noisy," she said.

There may be a way to soften the disturbance to residents, however.

"The guys say that they will probably have to make some adjustments."

Today, there is evidence that the additions have paid off. Mike Merovitz, secretary-treasurer for the municipality, said the ministry study has shown a decrease in the speed of through traffic.

"They said that it works better than they had expected," he remarked.

All three initiatives are part of a pilot project being watched carefully by the



MURIELLE PARKES/CORRESPONDENT

Mike Merovitz, the municipality's secretary-treasurer, and Lilianne Paige, secretary-receptionist, show off the trophy and plaque.

ministry.

"Apparently we have the only project of its kind in Quebec," said Merovitz.

Recently a film crew was sent to interview residents about the initiatives. "They want to make a film to show to the other communities."

"I think it's not just one thing that does it," said Merovitz. "It's the results of the combined efforts made by the mu-

nicipality and individuals - the property owners with their flowers, for example and the municipality's efforts to fix up the park a bit. Whatever we do I think adds to the feeling of being a village."

Meanwhile the town has no intention of relaxing its efforts.

"It's something you always have to be working on," said Merovitz. "It's not a quick fix. This year we extended the side-

walks to the signs. It was not a huge expense but something reasonable (because) our budget is not that big."

What with the noisy greeting, attractive welcome signs and a road that appears to be narrower than it is, motorists have begun to slow down. No one has yet made a study to see how many motorists actually stop their vehicles and smell the flowers.

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For every litre of gas a car burns it needs up to 9000 litres of air. To prevent dust and debris from entering your engine this way, a filter is installed. If the motor can't get enough air it ends up sucking in more fuel than it should. The end result: A poorly running engine that eats more gas and runs badly. In the long run it can lead to the failure of other components, leading to large repair bills.

But despite the importance of a properly functioning air filter, many motorists rarely ever check them. Because they are so easy to check and to change, it's something more of us could stand to do regularly.

Air filters used to sit on top of the engine, on the carburetor. Checking the air filter was a matter of spinning

off a wing nut, removing the cover and having a look. But in recent years car companies stopped making that style of air breather, and today virtually all vehicles are equipped with a square filter in a plastic or metal housing in the front of the engine compartment. A few clips or screws are usually all you have to remove to take out the air filter.

Once it's out check it over for signs of dirt or grease. If you hold it up to a lamp you should be able to see some light through it. If not, then it's likely that your car is having a hard time to breathe.

When the main dirt problem appears to be a dry dust, you can get a little more life out of the air filter by blowing it out with compressed air. If there is grease in the filter, however, it's time for a change.

How long an air filter lasts depends largely on your driving conditions. If you drive a lot on dirt roads, your car will pick up more dirt and dust than a car that spends most of its life on a nicely paved highway. The dirt and dust of gravel roads will also affect other areas of your car, getting into the motor oil, transmission fluid, gas tank and any number of places where the

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grit can grind away at important parts. When I worked at the garage it was never hard to tell if a car was driven on the back roads or not.

Other factors that can affect the life of an air filter include oil blown into the intake from the engine, insects and wet weather driving.

Generally speaking though, an air filter should be changed every 15,000 to 20,000 km. But to be on the safe side,

you should probably check your air filter every couple of months.

If you can check your air filter then you can also change it. With replacement filters usually costing somewhere between \$10 and \$20, it's also a fairly cheap job as well. When you take into account the fuel savings and the reduced wear and tear on your engine, it almost always ends up saving you money in the long run. The fuel savings alone will easily pay the cost of a fresh filter.

## Duck Lovers



From left to right, Eastern Townships Tourism director Alain Larouche, Brome Lake International Duck Festival president and director Jacques Ouimette, and Franz Hostettman, mayor of the historical town of Stein am Rhein, Schaffhouse Township, Switzerland, when they met at a formal event.

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# Always... Patsy Cline will keep you humming

By Diahnn Nadeau  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
KNOWLTON

Always... Patsy Cline, Theatre Lac Brome's first production of the summer, comes out swinging and keeps your toes tapping for its entirety.

Laura Teasdale is a standout as Patsy Cline and Stephanie McNamara is equally strong as fan and narrator Louise Seger.

Filled with well-loved and well-remembered songs, this is a play worth seeing more than once.

The plot is minimal - those who know nothing at all of Cline's life will hardly be enlightened by the script. Based on a true story, the play offers us a night in a honky-tonk in Houston, circa 1961, with Cline performing at the peak of her talent.

Her avid fan shows up two hours early for the performance, and has the wonderful luck to have her idol walk in alone soon after. She realizes the woman drifting through the empty bar is the legendary Patsy and goes over to speak to her. Within minutes, Cline is sitting with her at the table and the evening slowly unfolds with lots of songs and enjoyable narration.

The play covers mostly that night, with a few minutes devoted to the before and after. The traumas of Cline's life - her difficult marriage and problems of being a new mother on the road - are mentioned only in passing. The car accident that nearly cost her her life and left her permanently scarred is never mentioned. Her tragically early death in a plane crash is featured only briefly.

Except for the shortage of biographical details, the script works well as a play. We see that magical night through the eyes of Louise, an ordinary woman, divorced mother of two, who, in one of those delicious moments of female bonding, finds herself exchanging intimate details with her heroine over bacon and eggs in the middle of the night.

Louise begins her story at her first introduction to Cline - over the television



DAVID ANDERSON/CORRESPONDENT  
Laura Teasdale as Cline... simply amazing.

on the Arthur Godfrey show. From the moment she hears that singular voice she is bewitched.

Laura Teasdale is simply amazing as Cline. While she does not possess the same voice, she sings so much like Cline it is remarkable. The emphasis on certain well-known lyrics, the familiar slide, the pain and passion - it is all captured faithfully.

Teasdale not only sings wonderfully, she conveys the vulnerability that made Cline so captivating and haunting a singer. There is a lot of strength as well, which is apparent in Teasdale's dialogue; but when she sings, her expression is wistful and the tragedy of Cline's short life is on display in every ballad.

McNamara is exceedingly engaging as Louise Seger. She is bubbly and funny, full of life and spunk. We have no trouble whatsoever believing in that sudden

friendship. It is easy to understand why Cline was drawn to her; we would be happy to spend the evening with her ourselves.

Her introductions to Cline's songs are either reverent or excited; either way she sets the audience up to appreciate what is coming. It is a tribute to McNamara that she is able to hold her own beside Teasdale's riveting presence, not an easy feat.

Director Diane Fajrajsl does a lovely job with the play, capturing perfectly the joy of friendship and emotional bonding that many women enjoy with other women whom they may only meet once. The pace is tight and the lighting and set designs are simple yet perfectly suited to the mood.

The band is good, and whenever the musicians get a line in, they are funny.

The songs are marvelous - every Cline ballad, including "Sweet Dreams," "Crazy," "I Fall To Pieces" and an exquisitely sad and heartfelt "It Wasn't God Who Made Honky Tonk Angels."

The faster numbers are also super and include "Stupid Cupid," "San Antonio Rose" and "Shake Rattle and Roll."

It is all one can do not to dance in the aisles.

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Since January of this year, the parish sent out 100 get well, anniversary, new arrivals and thank you cards to parishioners and family members.

"We sent Bouchard a card and Jean Chrétien. The politicians too - they need it. We've even sent one to our Queen, she's had a rocky time recently," said Reverend John Serjeantson, who has been with St. John the Evangelist Church since '79.

With the dwindling number of parishioners of Brome and other villages, a new 10-week Alpha program, a basic video course on Christianity cur-

rently being held in Knowlton and Mansonville, has been designed to help bring in new members.

Program organizer Bob Bird said the next course will be held at the Brome Hall in the fall.

Maureen and Sharon Jolley from West Brome, lay readers within the parish, are both saddened by the decreasing numbers of parishioners.

"I've had only two people with me in a church service and the maximum I've had is 14," said Sharon, who shares services with Serjeantson and her sister.

"I'm inclined to agree with (Reverend) Wilmur Davidson who said that we've just lost sight of why we're here," said Maureen.

She said they are currently discussing ways of making their parish more attractive to younger members. Both agreed that even though there is a scarcity of youth in the area, it would help if religion were included in the school curriculum.

The Reverend Wilmur Davidson, assistant at St. Georges in Granby and formerly from St. Luke's Church in Waterloo, said the lack of



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Reverend Wilmur Davidson, guest speaker from Waterloo, Sharon Jolley, Norma Owen and Maureen Jolley, parishioners, and Reverend John Serjeantson.

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younger people in the area is due to the fact that there are no jobs for them once they graduate from high school.

"It's important to have a program in a church that has young people like at St. Paul's in Knowlton," said Davidson.

Serjeantson said that St. John the Evangelist, like other churches, is going through hard times.

"We have to adapt to each generation. It's a real challenge to us in this influx of change. We need to question what it means to believe in God in this day and age."

He said schools and governments,

which he said favour technology as the new religion, are concerned with "what is big is best," but that churches administer to small groups where people can share their grief, joy and faith.

"It's important to understand the Bible with the knowledge we have today and to address ourselves to what Jesus means to us in this day and age," said Serjeantson.

"I feel that one of the basic questions we need to ask is, 'Who, what and how is God?', and with the answer comes (the meaning of) what the rest of us are in the community and the church."

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# Church of St. John the Evangelist turns 140

Submitted by Rev. John Serjeantson  
CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST  
BROME

On June 21, 1859 the red brick church building named after St. John the Evangelist was consecrated by the Right Reverend Francis Fulford, Bishop of Montreal. As we celebrate its 140th Anniversary, it is a time to look backward with thanks, to evaluate the realities of the present, and to have a vision for the future.

The Anglican tradition in the Church of Jesus Christ came to the Eastern Townships in the late 1700s. In 1830 the Venerable Archdeacon George J. Mountain, later Bishop of Quebec, traveled through this area. He recommended that a mission be started with headquarters at Coldbrook (now Knowlton). The present Parish of Brome was part of that Mission of Brome until 1876. Worship services were held in the present Brome Village before 1859. They became regular in 1855 at the Chapman Schoolhouse. Then at the Brome Corners hotel in 1857, it was decided to build an "Episcopal Church" at Brome Corners, as Brome Village was then called. The Church building was consecrated with the name of St. John The Evangelist by Bishop Francis Fulford, on July 21st, 1859. The tower with bell was added in 1865. In 1876 the Parish of the Rectory of Brome was divided into two: the Rectory of Knowlton and the Mission of Brome Corners.

The Rectory was built in 1878-79.

By 1881 it was free of debt through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel

Pettes and Mr. & Mrs. E.H. Robinson as well as the Ladies Sewing society of the Church.

The Chancel was built in 1897.

In the 101 years from 1898 to the present time 1999, Brome has had only seven ministers. This certainly must say something positive about the Parish. The same thing can be said for the Peoples Wardens, Rectors Wardens and Deputy Wardens, who also served many years in office. This is certainly a sign of association cooperation, and participation in the upkeep of the Church.

There have been repairs, renovations, replacements made over the years, all through generous donations and fundraising events. In other words, no debt was carried forward for future officers and members to pay.

It is noted in Rev. Gedye's History of the Parish that early incumbents received grants from the Society for the Propagation of the gospel. In 1861 the Clergyman's Stipend was \$651 of which \$386 came from the S.P.G.

Over the years there have been many supporting groups such as the Ladies Serving society, the Ladies Guild, the Junior Guild, the Anglican Girls society, the Men's Club, Young Peoples Club, Sunday School, Bible Study, Alpha, His Kids Club, House meetings and Vacation Bible Schools.

Ministers of the 101 years:

1898 - 1914, Rev. E.P. Judge,

1914 - 1918, Rev. Wm. Walsh,

1918 - 1919, Rev. J. Kenworthy who

served only a short time before his death of influenza in the epidemic of 1919,

1919 - 1926, Rev. Joseph Irving,

1926 - 1959, Rev. F.W. Gedye,

1959 - 1979, Rev. J. Wilmur Davidson,

1979 to present time 1999 Rev. J. Serjeantson.

Other occasions on which St. John the Evangelist Church is rewarded, is when descendants of former parishioners come back to be married, confirmed or baptized in what they refer to as their home church. On the death of a family member, the remains are brought back to be interred in the family plot at St. John's Church Cemetery.

The 50th Anniversary was held in 1909. There was a copy of the program entitled "Special Jubilee Services": Sunday 20 of June at 10:30, Preacher, The Rev. Walter Windsor, Rector of St. John's Que.; at 7:30 p.m., Preacher, The Rev. Canon Carmichael, Rural Dean of Brome; Monday, June 21st at 2:30 p.m., Preacher, Rev. F.A. Pratt, B.A. Dinner was served by the ladies in the Hall from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Monday was for all visiting friends.

The thanksgiving offering was to be added to the Endowment Fund of the

Church, or, if preferred, to be set aside towards the purchase of new pews.

The 75th Anniversary.

The service in the morning was attended by a capacity congregation. The Preacher being the Rev. Arthur Carlisle, then Dean of Montreal.

The 100th Anniversary was held in 1959.

The Rev. Gedye was retiring and the Rev. J.W. Davidson, was his replacement.

The 125th Anniversary was held in 1984.

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# Each person has a ministry today

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For the 100th and 125th anniversaries, there were Anniversary plates, mugs and small dinner bell; on all were pictures of the church and the anniversary that was being celebrated. This was a fund-raising project.

A few years before this, the Evening Guild had published two cookbooks. All recipes submitted were from members and other interested local cooks. This was another fund-raising project.

Many years ago there were post cards of several places in Brome. One post card of the church was titled 'Church of England', Brome, Que. Another one was titled St. Paul's Anglican Church, Brome, Que. At another time a couple who were to be married at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, had

their wedding invitations printed as at St. John The Baptiste Church, Brome, Que.

So we give thanks for the men and women who were members of the Church of St. John the Evangelist in the past.

What is happening in the present? What vision is emerging for the future? Today we live in a different sort of world. Times and attitudes have changed. Society has changed politically, economically, and technologically. We live in a pluralistic, secular, impersonal, global world where there is instant communication of information, terrorism, and big is considered to be best and most efficient. There has been an explosion of knowledge. The balance between economy and environ-

ment is one of the main issues. Yet the human heart remains the same.

We of St. John the Evangelist Church in the Parish of Brome are in the process of evaluating where God is leading us. How can we preserve what is good from the past and yet be open to change? What old ways get in the way of the basic Christian message that God IS, and loves each person as shown in Jesus Christ? "Evangelist" in St. John the Evangelist means the bearer of Good News. How can we have a message of Good News in our anxious, changing, often violent and frenetic world?

We are changing. There is now more emphasis on the Church being the whole people of God and less on being a building and the person of the priest.

Each person has a ministry. There is more leadership among the laity in worship, administration, teaching, prayer, Bible Study, small groups and outreach. The difficult question of authority is one with which we are grappling. These changes are opening up a vision for the future.

We need to understand ourselves more as a family who are to love one another and others in acceptance and truth. The increase in small groups meeting to share worship, pray and learn, is a necessary one in an imper-

sonal, computerized age. We are called to a calm healing presence in an anxious world. Where numbers are less we need celebration events when we meet to be reminded we are part of a larger whole. In an age when organized religion is 'out' so far as many are concerned, and spirituality is 'in,' prayer needs to be at the center of our community life. We need to be open practically to the needs of people. So we are to be dying to some old ways so that new ones can be born that reflect better the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ today.

Canon Herbert O'Driscoll asked the question: "Do we want to be mourners or midwives?" Is is a vital question for us today. As Christians today, do we concentrate our efforts on grieving for a Church and a past we profess to love so much, or do we embrace the role of midwife, nurturing and helping the process of giving birth to a new expression of Christianity and Church which is relevant in todays world?

For more information about the past of the Church of St. John the Evangelist read "An Historical Sketch of The Parish of Brome" by F.W. Gedye; and Phyllis Hamilton's book "With Heart And Hands and Voices."

Our 140th Anniversary Service was held on Sunday, June 20.

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# Bargains galore at Eastman sale

By Murielle Parkes  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
EASTMAN

To a compulsive shopper, Eastman's annual open-air sale on June 19th was paradise found.

Vendors had transformed the tiny village into a giant happy hunting ground with stacked kiosks stationed on lawns, yards, sidewalks, and driveways on the main thoroughfare, even creeping into a few side streets as well.

It was block-to-block bric-à-brac - a sale that featured an endless variety of anything and everything from treasured antiques to family possessions, as well as

bargain-priced merchandise offered by local stores and factories.

For those lucky enough to find shade, the day was idyllic. For others, it was a tad too hot, forcing many to seek out a friendly cold-drink-and-ice-cream vendor, also doing a brisk business that day.

As requested by the event's organizers - the Société d'embellissement du Village d'Eastman et des Environs - vendors came wearing original hats, many of which were as wild, wacky, and outrageous as they were functional.

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By Murielle Parkes  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

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According to Veillon, "construction continues to at be the forefront at Jay Peak as the new lift is being prepared to

be put in to place." Staff has been hard at work since mid-April, he says "virtually stripping bare" the Green Mountain chair (leaving behind only the towers), cutting the new lift line and blasting away the unload station at the summit of the new lift. In the coming weeks, he expects to see cement being poured for the new towers, summit, and base drive assemblies which will arrive or be installed in September. Inspection and load tests are planned for late October.

On June 17th, sixteen members of the Knowlton Golden Age Club met at the Community Centre for the last meeting before the summer break. In the absence of the secretary Lil McLellan Ethel Marsh read the minutes of the June 10 meeting. These were seconded by Jeannine Vaillancourt. The Lucky Draw was won by Mary Horne first draw and Jim Eaton second draw.

500 was played at four tables. The special prize for bidding and making 10


clubs was won by Marjorie Falle and Ormonde Brown. Other prizes in 500 were won: 1st, Ormonde Brown 4630, 2nd, Mary Thomas, 4330, 3rd, Helen Campbell, 4350, and 4th Lawrence Marsh.

Phoebe Eaton prepared tea and coffee, and Ethel Marsh furnished ice cream to supplement our pot-luck lunch.

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# Youth raise cash with Rock-a-thon

*Neither hard rock nor soft rock, but gentle back-and-forth rock*

by Murielle Parkes  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
MANSONVILLE

Last Saturday's (June 19) SADD fund-raising event in the basement of Mansonville's St.Cajetan church has given a whole new meaning to the name "rock-star."

The twenty-two rockers, who ranged in age from 12 to 70, performed neither "hard rock" nor "soft rock" but rather a gentle non-stop back-and-forth rock as they sat glued to their chairs for four hours to earn over \$2,000 collected in pledges.

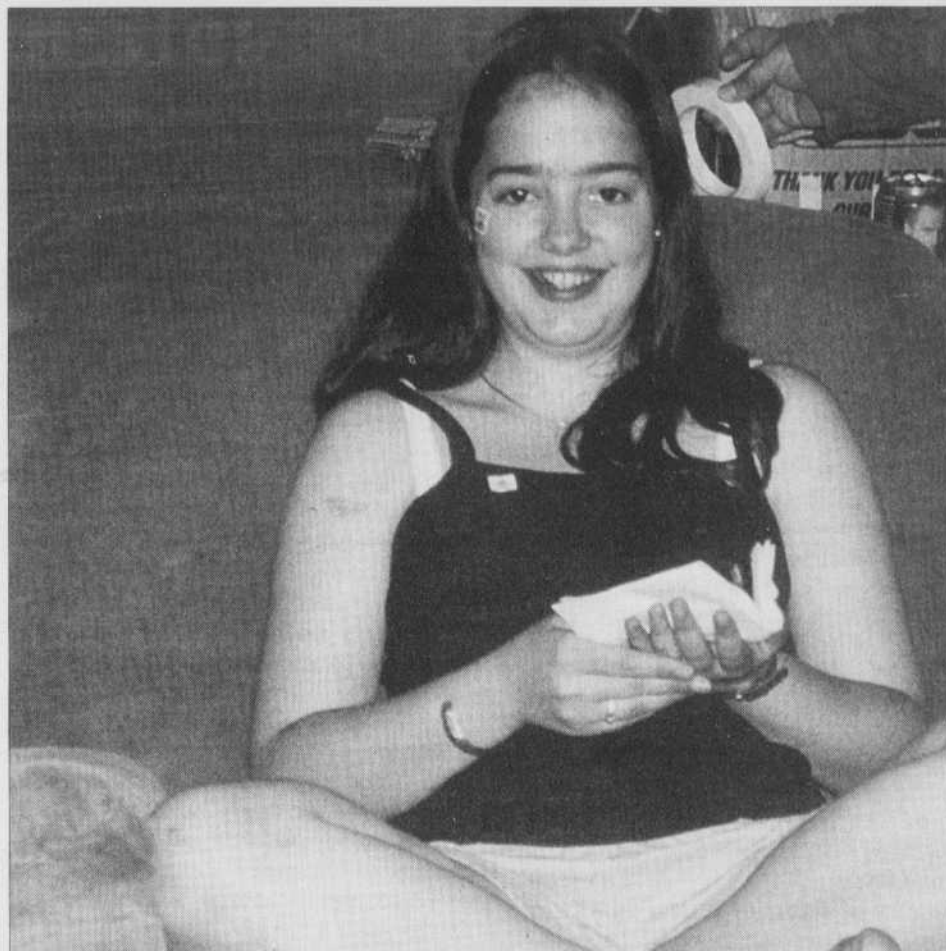
Participants brought their own chairs, some of which were several rocks above the ordinary. For example, Starr Dostie's oversized uphol-

stered model required more than a few huffs and puffs to carry in as did Darlene Whitehead's elaborately hand-crafted one, which arrived by truck

Organizers brought along plenty of games, music, goodies (including a chocolate birthday cake) and other surprises to offset any yawns that might appear. Delinquent rockers, those whose chairs came to an untimely stop, were handed musical "punishments" - a song or ditty they had to sing solo or duet to the delight of co-rockers who invariably teased, "It's not loud enough. We can't hear you!"

In the end, all rockers completed the marathon. It was the most successful fund-raiser event ever completed by the youth group, say organizers.

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## Information session on powers of attorney

*Tips to ensure well-being of the disabled*

By Murielle Parkes  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT  
MANSONVILLE

Eighteen people met at the Mansonville Town Hall recently to hear Notary Maryse Gallagher discuss the reasons for preparing a power of attorney. In the event an individual becomes incapacitated, it is important to name someone to look after you and your property or assets, advised Gallagher. "And now is the time to do it," she added, while you are still well."

Unlike a will which takes effect after death, a power of attorney is used only during the lifetime of the individual, and only in the event of incapacity.

Powers of attorney play a dual function, Gallagher explained. They can

cover the administration of property, they can also provide the necessary decision-making power to ensure the mental and physical well-being of the person writing the document. In the latter instance, it can serve as a living will. "It all depends on what is mentioned in the mandate."

In describing some of the advantages, Gallagher pointed out the desirability of being able "to choose the person or persons you want to carry out your wishes. You can also extend the power and sell property, for example," she explained. "More than one person can be chosen to act as executor. It's all up to you!"

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Registered powers of attorney, which provide more detail and are written to specifications, are available only through a notary.

## Youth Rock for Christ in Place Manson

by Murielle Parkes  
RECORD CORRESPONDENT

Friday, June 18th, about 75 youth, parents and friends turned out to hear the "awesome" music and spiritual messages of Terry Lapointe's Youth for Christ ministry.

The musical concert - the fifth such in Mansonville in as many years - marked the end of another season of activities sponsored by the Mansonville Baptist Church Youth Group.

In the past, Lapointe has performed in the English school. This time, he set up his sound system in the gazebo in Parc Manson.

"The school is great," he said. "It attracts a younger crowd... this concert, however, was able to draw a much wider range. That was kind of neat. Being able to interact with the people outdoors. It was wonderful - a really special time," Lapointe said.

The two-hour program, a combination of spiritual messages and entertainment, opened with heavy rock tunes "to draw

and warm up the crowd," then moved to a series of light-hearted (often hilarious) skits dealing with religious testimonies and ethical issues mostly related to peer pressure.

"For the most part, the skits dealt with issues that kids have to deal with. Peer pressure, for example, struggles and relationships with parents, differences and that kind of stuff," he said.

The event closed with a collection of "gentle rock tunes" written for worship.

"They were the sounds that teenagers like to hear," said Baptist Church Minister Walter Stairs, whose church had sponsored the event.

Lapointe, who is 31, has directed the YFC ministry for seven years. His team includes young adults, ages 18 to 21, "either completing high school or in college," he remarked.

"Everybody does drama," he said. There are four who also "do music." They include Lapointe, his brother Joey, Jason Davis and Amy Stymiest who together sing and play bass guitar, guitar and drums.



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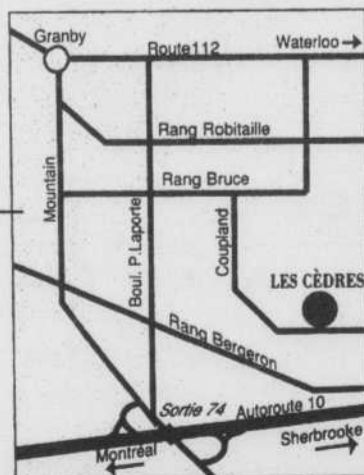
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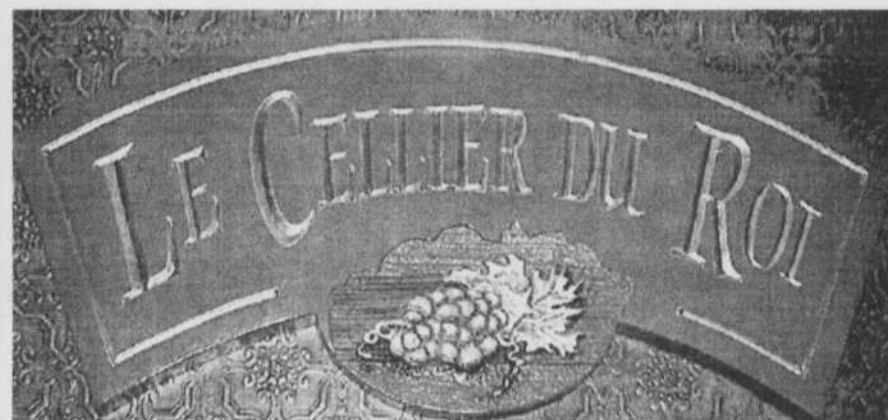
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# Runners:

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He said that during the first couple of years everybody in the committee ran the race except himself (he is not a runner) and in the first year when Bourke was in control of route control, the empty cups and water jugs were placed in front of the Golf Club.

"I guess they thought runners were going to pour their own water, so Bob stopped during the race, poured the water into the cups and then started running again. Then, there was a barrier missing, so Bob stopped, looked for the barrier, found it, put it up and went

on running," said Bliss whose wife and daughters are also volunteers.

In spite of the high temperature, there were few mishaps. Bob Colville, in charge of the finish line, said that there were only about four runners who experienced heat problems.

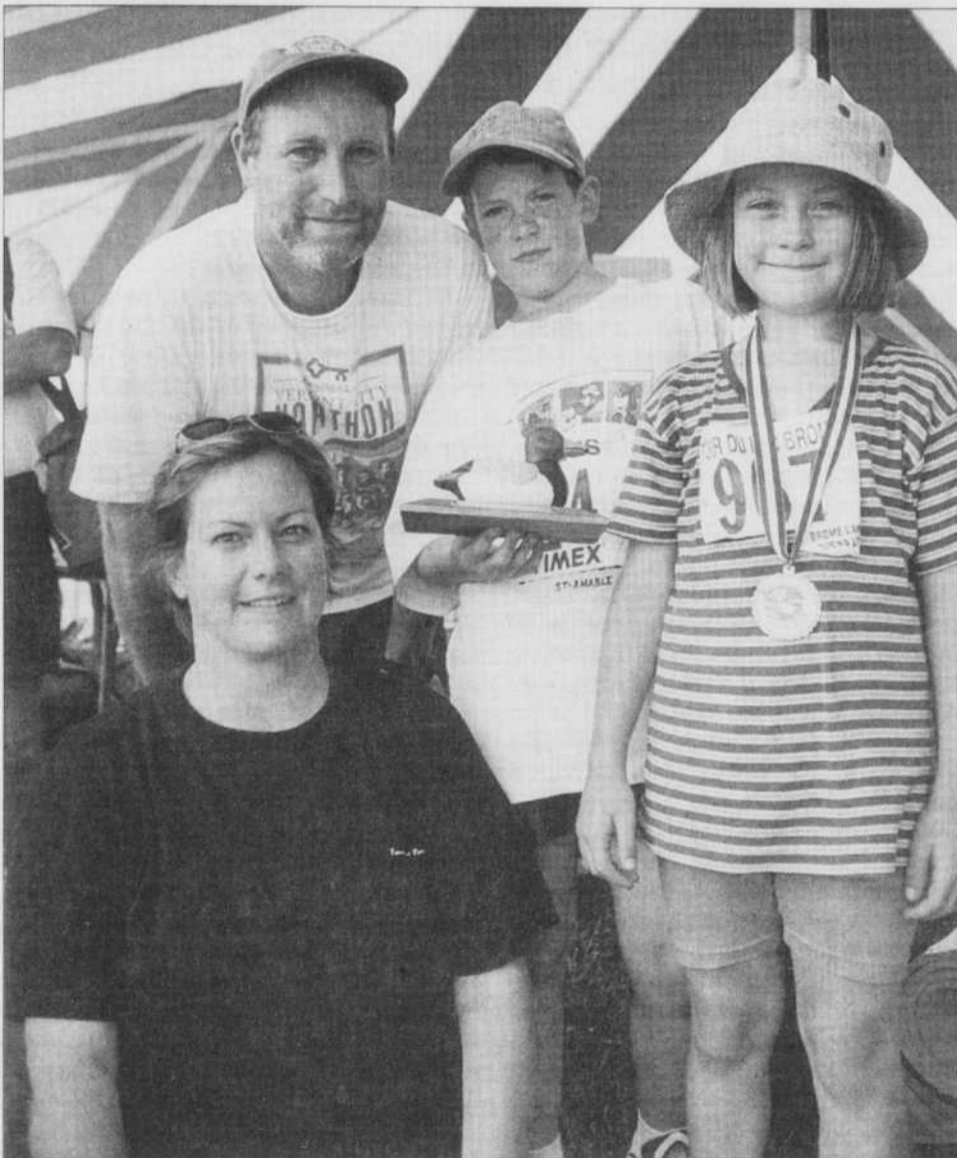
"Only one runner experienced difficulty at our end. The safety vehicle (driven by Diane Norwood, who works as an ambulance driver in Montreal), picked up the others. We only sent one runner by ambulance to the hospital (she had a migraine) and that was a mild case. The water stations worked effectively and the runners really took care of themselves," said Colville.

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Huguette Plante of Sherbrooke finished in second place in the 65 and over 10k run with a time of 1:32:20.



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A running family from St. Hubert... Richard Trudeau ran beside his son Gabriel in the 10k. Gabriel received an award for being the youngest runner in the Tour du Lac Brome. Marylou, 6, placed third in the 1.6k and mom Liette Couture also took part.

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Albert Ouellet, 70, took first place in 55:36 in the 70 and over 10k.

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Running women in the 20-29 years old 20k... Marie, Claude Sesauter, third, Ann Viera, second, and Emilie Fournier, first with a time of 1:30:45.

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Some runners found the heat debilitating while others took it in stride. Record reporter and race participant Marty Patriquin described the 10 km as "hellish" (it was his first race), but 21 year old Emilie Fournier who placed first in the 20 km said that the heat didn't bother because there were plenty of water stations.

"It's the first time I ran the 20 km, and I didn't believe I could do it (come in first)," said Fournier who is training for the 42.2 km marathon in Quebec City on Oct. 29.

Fifteen year old old Marjorie Picard, first in the under 19 category for the 10 km likes to run "for fun." Huguette Plante, second in the 60 to 69 category of the 10 km, runs to keep fit.

"I did my first marathon at 51," said Plante who looked as if she strolled around the block.

The youngest competitor, Gabriel Trudeau in the 10 km, comes from a running family who practices three or four times per week on the streets of St-Hubert, on the South shore.

"We ran the 10 km all the way together," said father Trudeau.

Another winner, 29 year old Martin Ladouceur in the 20 km is hooked on running. He formerly trained alone, but presently has a Sherbrooke University

cross-country coach as his trainer.

"This is only my second race but it's my last time for this (20-29 category). I'm training for the 42.2 km marathon in Chicago," said Ladouceur.

Michael Bortkiewicz, third place in the 60-69 category of the 20 km and winner of five Canadian Olympic gold medals started training at age 45.

He said his daughter coaxed him to stop drinking and smoking and to take up running. Besides running 60 to 70 km per week, Bortkiewicz keeps in shape with cycling and cross-country skiing in winter.

Seventy-seven year old Yolande Marois-Fricker, described as the perennial favourite by Bellware, finished the 20 km last.

"Yolande is our oldest female contestant, the race would not be the same without the Frickers," he said.

"I didn't want to drop dead," said Yolande who purposely lowered her speed due to the oppressive heat.

"Besides, I want to represent Canada in the year 2000, and I want to be a model woman runner for the young people - I hope I can make it," said Yolande, who has bought a huge bottle of Champagne for next year's occasion.

Bellware said that it is runners like the Frickers and the others that keeps the Tour going. And also, of course, the

volunteers such as the Girls Brome Lake Soccer Team, the Cubs, Scouts, and Pony Club which the association awards with funds raised during the race.

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# Leclerc combines cooking and making music

By Tanya Tkach  
CORRESPONDENT  
BROMONT

**R**ichard Leclerc is an extremely contented man doing what he enjoys most in life - cooking and playing music at his Rest-O-Bar L'Etrier in Bromont.

"You have to love it to do what I do. When I'm finished in the kitchen around 9:30 p.m. I go out and play on the keyboard and sing while people are

eating their dessert," said Leclerc during a musical break in the midst of a Sunday night after-dinner crowd in his establishment.

During the 60s and 70s, Leclerc worked the piano bar scene, singing and playing keys at Maxim's and Rockcliff's in Montreal, and at Piano Bar Frederick at Hotel Montclair in St. Adele, in the Laurentians.

When he decided to try his hand along with his wife's Ginette Fortin, as hotel and restaurant entrepreneurs in the 80s, he quickly learned another profession as saucier. He learned the sauce-making craft from William Dimitri a famous chef from Switzerland who is a recipient of two gold medals at the Olympics for chefs in Hambourg. Dimitri was chef at the Manoir Richelieu in La MalBaie, cooked for the 22nd Regiment of Canada, and was also personal



TANYA TKACH/CORRESPONDENT  
Guest musician Maurice St. Pierre from Sherbrooke joins regulars Gaetan Lachance, Richard Leclerc and Paul Pelletier in Bromont.

chef for our past Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau.

Even though they lost the hotel due to enormous mortgage rates of 21 per cent, Leclerc pursued his new-found profession. Him and his wife relocated to the Eastern Townships where he continued working as chef at the concessionaire owned by the new equestrian centre in Bromont.

"After five years, we wanted our own business in our own place, so we moved to the village (Bromont)," said Leclerc, satisfied with his present location.

Sunday evenings are special. At L'Etrium, local musicians from Sherbrooke, Granby and the area drop in to play jazz. Oftentimes, famous personalities drop in to join Leclerc, such as actress Judith Barard from the musical Jeanne D'Arc.

"The guys I play with on Sunday night love to jam together. We play a New Orleans style of jazz from the 20's

and 40's. I've been many times to New Orleans and met many good musicians there," said Leclerc, also an ardent fan of Cole Porter and Gershwin.

When he's not jamming, he often plays Porter's music, and at times tunes from Fred Astaire movies which are unknown to most of his clientele.

"Many of our younger guests today don't know that Fred Astaire was a dancer. A young girl the other day asked me to play that new tune - it was actually Stardust - you know Hogie Carmichael sang that in a movie, and she couldn't believe that it was an old song," he said laughingly.

Sometimes he even plays, funeral hymns played in a blues-style which he acquired while in New Orleans, that are not well-known in this part of the country.

"We joke about the funeral music. We tell everyone that if anyone passes away in their family, we'll play the funeral hymns - the people laugh at that," he said.

Besides working in the kitchen and entertaining, Leclerc has completed courses in Restaurant Management and Accounting in order to stay on top of things, which he said is important for every entrepreneur today.

It is evident that this husband and wife team are well-organized.

Besides offering friendly service and good food, this delightful spot nestled amidst gardens and trees exudes an ambiance of homely relaxation.

"I'm a very happy man and we're very lucky because we also have some great customers, and the people who work for us enjoy what they do - we're like one big happy family," said Leclerc.

He not only gives tribute to his personnel, managed by his wife, for his success, but also to her.

"We've been together for 24 years. She unbelievable, I enjoy my life with her. She's my friend, and my favorite pool player, and when things are rough she lifts my spirits and makes me laugh," said Leclerc enjoying the prime of his life.

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# Knowlton Social Notes

Edna Badger

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Mrs. Leslie Forbes of Riverview, N.B. spent several days visiting her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Keith Mizener and

other relatives in Knowlton. Mrs. Ken McGillvary of Georgetown, Ont. was also visiting at the Mizener home.

Mrs. Jeff Whitehead of Dartmouth, N.S. and children are spending a few days with Mrs. Gwyn Badger.

Mrs. Edith Dixon of Chiseldon, Wilts. Eng., is spending a two week holiday with Mrs. Mary Horne at this time.

# Waterloo Social Notes

Judy Arnott

Mrs. Nellie Darling has returned home after spending five weeks with her daughter and son-in-law, Judy and John Polstra and family of Grimsby, Ont. She also spent three weeks with her sister, Ruby Gabriel and family in Kitchener, Ont.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family of the late Joe Bailey who passed away recently at his home.

Louise Feldman of Montgomery, Vt. spent Mother's Day weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rainville. Sunday guests also included Bob and Blake Rainville of Knowlton, Ronnie, Stephanie and Marie Claude Rainville of Waterloo. A telephone call and flowers were received from their daughter Sylvia Morrison


of Lindsay, Ont.

Mrs. Mary Emmett is presently a patient at the B.M.P. Hospital. Get well wishes go out to Mary from all of us.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tryhorn Sr. of Sutton were in town on May 16 to attend the legion breakfast.

Mr. Garth Durrell of Manotick, Ont. was an overnight guest on April 21st of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Streeter. The next day his mother, Mrs. Kathleen Durrell of Granby, Ola Streeter of Waterloo, Muriel Whitehead of Foster accompanied him to Newmarket, Ont. for the weekend where they all attended the wedding of Scott Durrell and Yasmin Scheel on Saturday April 24th at Madsen's of Newmarket. Nora Durrell drove the ladies home on Monday and stayed over one night.


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Dorothy de Solla

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The secretary and treasurer's reports were given and approved. The Corresponding Secretary reported on receiving a thank you from Helen McGovern for her Get Well card.

It was noted the interior of the Church had been painted. A very nice job was done. Norma Vaillancourt was paid \$130 for cleaning the

Church and Katie Jones cleaned part of the Hall (\$14). She just accepted \$10. A big thank you to these ladies!

Final arrangements were made for our upcoming card parties, to be held on May 8th and May 24th.

Don't forget the first Rummage Sale which will be held on Saturday May 29th in the Church Hall from 1 to 4 p.m.

There being no further business, except to agree that the next meeting will be held in the Church Hall on June 2nd at 2 p.m.. Francis adjourned the meeting, seconded by Josie Curtiss.

We had pot luck refreshments and will do the same for next time. There was a great variety, mainly sweets! A pleasant visiting time was spent. Some of the members set up for the card party while others did the dishes, before leaving for home.

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The first solo instrumental was the unique baritone solo rendered by Bob Quilliams entitled 'Jabberwocky'. The first solo vocalists of the evening Brenda Haman Code and Steve Trew gave a delightful rendition of Gershwin in Concert, a collection of four of Gershwin's favourite tunes.

After intermission the second solo instrumental of the evening Wade Johnston played on the flute the mournful and melancholy but beautiful strains of the music movie hit, 'The Theme From Shindlers List' by John Williams.

Later, laughter and riotous applause followed the narration of 'The Shooting of Dan McGrew' by John de La Mare ac-

companied by the Band playing music by Scott Joplin.

Johnston also presented Needham with a going away present from the band to acknowledge her participation in the band with the hope that she will come back to play again from time to time. The finale of the evening featured selections from the musical 'Les Miserable' showcasing the talents of vocalists Brenda Haman Code, and Steve Trew.

After a standing ovation, conductor Roger de la Mare lead the band members in an encore march, called 'The Army of The Nile', which concluded the evening's entertainment.

The concert was followed on Sunday by a matinee performance. Both concerts were fund-raisers for the Knowlton Harmony Band and a portion of the proceeds went to the Knowlton Academy Music Program.



The band's next concert is Canada Day, July 1st at 7 p.m. at Coldbrooke Park, at the dam, Knowlton (weather permitting.)



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**50th Wedding Anniversary - Bruce and Ellen Heath**

Bruce and Ellen Heath of Waterloo were honored on June 19th at a party to



celebrate their 50th anniversary at the Royal Canadian Legion. They were married in the Mansonville Baptist Church, June 30th, 1949. Attending this celebration were Ellen's father, Guy Smith of Knowlton, daughter, Wendy and Lynn Irwin of Seaford, Delaware, daughter, Julie and Gilles Paquette of Stanbridge East, grandchildren, Amanda, Jason, Kristin and Bryan. Also in attendance were approximately 130 family members and friends coming from as far away as Ottawa, Sarnia, Calgary, New Hampshire, Maine, Vermont and Nova Scotia. The festivities commenced with a poem entitled "A Little Love Goes a Long Ways - At Least 50 Years" given by Geraldine Heath, reminiscing their courting days. Their son-in-law, Lynn Irwin, followed with a speech, telling stories of their years as "Mom and Dad." Granddaughter, Amanda Irwin delivered witty and touching tales of "Pop and Muzzy" as seen through the eyes of their grandchildren. The happy couple was then remarried by Walter

Stairs, Pastor of the Mansonville Baptist Church, in a somewhat unconventional wedding ceremony. Beautiful flower arrangements and corsages of yellow roses were made by Susie Lapointe. A delicious lunch was prepared by Marcel Giard and Joanne Marcoux. Guests enjoyed dancing to the music of Steve Miller's band. A brunch was served at the home of Bruce and Ellen the following morning for out of town guests.



**Sutton U.C.W. hold meeting**

The June meeting of the Sutton U.C.W. was held in the Church Hall on Wednesday, June 16 with 8 members present.

Linda Hoyt presided over the meeting, opening it with The Purpose in unison. At devotional time Linda did a reading, followed by prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. Mae Godbeer acted as secretary for the meeting.

Beth gave the financial report showing the fall rummage sale was a success and a favorable balance on hand at present.

It was reported that we have a husband & wife clergy team coming in August. Two donations were received from other organizations who use the hall and kitchen at times.

Plans were made for the summer activities which include a memorial tea, salad luncheon and a going away to be held in Dunham for our minister, Rev. David Lesneski, who is leaving us the last of June.

Business completed, all enjoyed a delicious lunch served by the hostess for the day, Angie Sherrer and Beth Travers. Heather Larocque helped provide.

This will be the last meeting until September; have a good summer.

Mable Boyce

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# Chaff and nostalgia in the neighbour's barn

Most likely there isn't anything about it in the Geneva Convention, but perhaps there should be.

This was one of several thoughts early on in a token return to the hay mow on a hot first day of summer. Another was that, if I just put on a good show and didn't try foolishly to keep up with my young co-worker in the task of unloading (off-loading?) the wagon and stacking the bales, I probably wouldn't have a coronary, maybe just throw up.

My last full season in the hay business was so long ago, John Diefenbaker was Prime Minister at the time. Back then we worked with loose hay unloaded by a large mechanical fork-and-pulley system powered by tractor or team that had to be unhooked from the wagon. This worked well, but the hay tended to pile up in a single great ridge running the length of the loft.

We'd put it off as long as possible, but when the forks of new hay dragged along the tops of the old, the time had come to hike up high with pitchforks in hand.

Even then my devious mind would seek simpler options to hours of fight-

ing with reluctant, packed-in-solid hay. One idea was to start with small fork-fuls and proceed to larger ones, in the hope that the bigger lumps landing upon smaller ones would prove unstable and roll

conveniently off to one side. Another noteworthy suggestion was that we let the ridge pile up to the maximum, then get the whole crew on one side to push and topple it over on the other. That would require extra people, though, preferably big dudes. It'd also be a bit like cow-tipping, on a much larger scale.

The grim adults in charge of things rejected my proposals, after getting over the shock that I'd make some. At the time they called me lazy and spoiled, though now apparently it's called Attention Deficit Disorder. So struggle with the hay we did, digging in with pitchforks, pulling out either a few pathetic wisps and landing on your butt, or getting stuck in a lump the horses would balk at. Being the youngest (I don't get a chance to say that much any more), I was also sent to work on the hot side of the loft. If that sounds strange, there's an explanation.

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Since they didn't grow funny beards and dress in black, it couldn't be that the old relatives rejected mechanization on religious grounds. No doubt it was an attempt to keep a few more pennies in the bottom line of the farm accounts that kept them from hiring or buying a share in a baler. One time we did acquire a curious-looking loader from the auction. Supposedly you didn't have to rake beforehand; just hook this large awkward device behind the wagon, lumber and creak around the field, and the job was done.

In a word, not. So much hay was left

we had to rake anyway, a process complicated by the fact that many wheels had driven over the stuff at that point. Besides, our bargain loader began shedding as many parts as it did timothy. After a frustrating week it was left to compost in a wet hollow below the spring. It was the only one of its kind I ever saw, and we didn't take long to figure out why.

In the barn of June 21 there was no coolness, comparative or otherwise. The air outside did not move, and the air inside wasn't going anywhere either. Sweat stung both eyes, and dust and chaff stuck where flesh was wet, which was just about everywhere. More than mid-way through the job we took a break for ice tea and a bowl of ice cream. Ah, farming...union-style.

In the end we walked out of the loft down the ramp towards the late afternoon sun. A light breeze had begun to stir the air, scented with the distinctive aroma of new-mown hay. The panorama of familiar landmarks on the south and west horizons was a treat for tired eyes, perhaps a reminder that, while never easy, family farm life can indeed be good. Especially if you work at it only an hour or two every few decades.

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